Updates to the Accreditation Data System (ADS) 2020-21

This document provides information on some of the updates to program reporting questions and resources for the 2020-21 academic reporting year. The Commission continues to gather feedback from institutional personnel and enhance the user experience for the ADS system each year.

Updates to Program Reporting Questions
The ADS questions were updated to assist institutions in providing accurate information for program completers in the prior academic year (2019-20), particularly in light of changes made to credentialing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The definition of a program completer was clarified to be an individual who is recommended for the credential or authorization for which they seek or are eligible for the credential. For preliminary programs, it includes those recommended for the preliminary credential or the Preliminary Executive Order (EO). For preliminary administrative programs, it includes those that are recommended for either a preliminary credential or the Certificate of Eligibility.

Program Completion Question Set
This question set (see below) was modified to capture program completers accurately. The total number of program completers will be calculated by combining the data entered in A-C.

Program Completion (Total number of completers in the prior academic year)

A. Of the total number of completers, how many completed within the expected length of the program?
B. Of the total number of completers, how many completed within one year following the expected completion time?
C. Of the total number of completers, how many completed more than one year after the expected completion time?
D. How many candidates continue to be enrolled two or more years beyond the expected completion date?

New Question Added to the ADS
At the request of institutional representatives, an additional question is added this year to allow institutions to account for candidates who complete programs but for a variety of reasons choose not to apply for the California credential. For Induction programs this will apply to candidates for the Clear Credential. It is as follows:

In the prior academic year, how many candidates were eligible for a California credential, but did not apply for a California credential?

General Enhancements

Institutions can now add comments to their ADS profile. The comment section is available under the "Edit Institution" page of the ADS. All added comments will be displayed on the institution's [Commission approved Institutional Profile Dashboard](#).

ADS User Guides and Glossary
Each program type has an available ADS Question Guide related to the specific program type. The four ADS Question Guide documents and Glossary were updated to assist Institutions in providing accurate information and is available for review:

Preliminary Teacher Programs (Multiple Subject, Single Subject, and Education Specialist)
Induction Programs
Other Preliminary Programs
All Other Programs
The ADS Glossary

References

Accreditation Data System website

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